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Spills near Marmarth and Ray Reported to North Dakota Department of Health

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) has been notified of a 2000 barrel spill of water used for enhanced oil recovery from a flow line owned by Denbury Onshore approximately eight miles southwest of Marmarth in Slope County. This water is higher in dissolved solids and minerals than fresh water. The spill occurred as a result of a leak in the flow line. Most of the water has soaked into the soil and a dike will be constructed to control runoff. The NDDoH is working on an initial site assessment.

On June 12, a spill of 20 barrels of crude oil, produced water and fresh water was reported 12 miles south of Ray in Williams County as a result of a valve assembly failure. The site is owned by Kodiak Oil & Gas. The spill impacted a dry intermittent stream; free liquid has been recovered and sorbent booms are in place in the stream bed. Oil and Gas Division inspectors have been on scene and NDDoH inspectors will be on scene on the 16th.

The NDDoH will work with the companies on remediation plans.

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